

Leadership Training Squad
Report of the year commencing 1968

The leadership training squad began the years' work by electing new office bearers for the various different groups. We decided they would be as follows

1 Social Service

2 Debating

3 Cinema

4 Drama

During the course of the year these groups that kept active and many an enjoyable afternoon has been spent on a lively debate, Cineforum, or play reading. We held our meetings regularly on Wednesday afternoons. To train our girls for public speaking we had a series of "hat Talks" Our guide Sister Magdalen kept a mark sheet and the best speaker was awarded a prize. Every morning a meditation was held for those who wished to attend it.

Our Social Service Group has achieved great success this year. With generous donations from girls in school we were able to establish a library for the children of St Xavier school. These poor children are always eager and ready to learn and our leadership training members, during the year have took them songs, plays, dances, poems and general points of hygiene and cleanliness. Every month we have been able to treat one class either with sweets or hot stuff. We have been able to buy

pens for the senior children and blankets for the Juniors, these will be distributed before school closes on the 21st of November.

Sister Xavier has started a dispensary of sorts for the school. We have been able to contribute to that by giving her money to buy drugs and pills. Seven children have been adopted by people in the United States, who are friends of my parents. These children are now assured of food and clothing and we in the leadership training squad will report on the progress these children make, to the people's concerned. We have their assurance that they will fund these kids for 5 years, then new donors have to be found.

Working for these children is not a duty we do but a pleasure which is constant for with so little we are able to give such joy!

From the month of June we've been helping a young sick girl Lily Sebastian. We send her a beverage, biscuits and rice every month and we received a letter of thanks from her. Lily can just about write English and we are happy to hear from her. A Baker in Koda suddenly fell ill and we were able to pay a third of his fare down to Madurai. Every two months we issued a newsletter it's called "LTS Calls" to those past members who subscribed for it. The magazine was quite a success!

On 15th August we had the enrolling followed by a morning of selling flags in need of "Corsock" a social service group in Kodaikanal. In the evening we performed an Indian cultural program the proceeds of which will go towards to scholarships which were established by the LTS of 1967 for St Xavier School. On the 31st August we had a fun fair and the money we make from it will be used for a good cause.

In the month of June our members made picture books for poor children in hospitals who find great pleasure in seeing the colourful pictures. Four of our members have started correspondence with four old and lonely ladies in Bombay, we hope that next year more old people will receive lively letters from our energetic squad!

On Wednesday the 6th November 1968 we plan to have our last LTS meeting and then we will elect new office bearers.

My advice to them is very scarce for they are fortunate to have the support of a wonderful body of girls who will give and have given all the help and Corporation for the running of the squad. Besides them, our guide Sister Magdalen, has proved to be perfect in all ways and with her at the head we have been able to uphold our motto "for God and my country"

Though the year 1968 is drawing to a close and the members of Standard 11 will be leaving school for good, we shall not forget the LTS training and you may definitely rely on our constant support for ideas and funds.

I will close this report with a prayer for you all and a wish that you will continue to serve with zeal and goodwill for the sake of another.

Presented at Assembly by Hootoksi Pundole - President 1967-1968